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NOVELTY - Stable interferon-beta (I) solution of neutral or slightly acid pH (pH 5-8) is new.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - Liquid formulations of human (I), that retain at least 80% of in vitro biological activity after storage for 3 months at 25 degrees Centigrade, contain up to 25 MU (units)/ml of (I), are buffered to pH 5-8, preferably over 5.5, and are free of human serum albumin (HSA); are buffered to pH 6-7.2 and are free of HSA, or are buffered to pH 5-8, preferably over 5.5, and contain at least one amino acid.

ACTIVITY - Antiviral; antiproliferative; immunomodulatory. MECHANISM OF ACTION - None given.

USE - Interferons are known as antiviral, antiproliferative and immunomodulatory agents.

ADVANTAGE - The formulations have high stability (of biological activity and of molecular and physical integrity); eliminate the expense of freeze-drying and reconstitution, and do not require potentially hazardous additives (serum albumin or detergents). They may even be stored for a month at 37 degrees Centigrade and still retain at least 70% of biological activity. A formulation, of pH 7, contained 50 mM sodium phosphate, 50 mg/ml glycerol, 2 mM methionine and 12.5 MU/ml (I). After 6 months storage at 25 degrees Centigrade, recovery of biological activity (assessed conventionally by inhibition of the cytopathic effect of a virus) was 13.4 MU/ml, i.e. 107.2% of the initial value and 172% of a control that had been stored for 6 months at -20 degrees Centigrade.

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